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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum 5-3, Supervision of Children

1. Reference.

- a. USAREUR Child-Supervision Policy, 7 August 2002
- b. AR 608-18, 1 September 1995, The Army Family Advocacy Program.

2. Purpose. To provide policy and guidance for the supervision of children in:

- a. Quarters (to include military, government-leased and economy housing)
- b. Vehicles
- c. All other locations in the Schweinfurt Military Community (to include Commissary, AAFES, Banks, Dispensary, Playground and MWR facilities).

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all soldiers, family members, civilian employees, and authorized guests of DOD ID cardholders who work, reside or visit in the Schweinfurt Military Community. Soldiers who knowingly violate the provisions of this memorandum are subject to punitive action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), and/or may face eviction from government housing. All other personnel who knowingly violate this policy are subject to adverse administrative action authorized by applicable law, rule or regulation.

4. Responsibilities.

- a. Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of their children.

This Policy Memorandum supersedes Policy Memorandum 5-3, dated 15 April 2002, and remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.

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b. The Base Support Battalion Commander is responsible for promoting the well-being and safety of all community residents.

c. The Provost Marshal is responsible for investigating complaints concerning violations of this policy.

d. The Case Review Committee (CRC) is authorized to monitor and initiate referrals as corrective counseling for violations of these guidelines.

5. Policy.

a. Per the USAREUR Child-Supervision Policy, parents may leave children in grade six home alone for up to three hours, not overnight and with ready access to adult supervision. Parents may leave children in grades seven and above alone for up to six hours, not overnight and with ready access to adult supervision. Parents will not leave children in fifth grade and lower unattended. The following clarifies minimum standards of supervision within this guideline:

(1) Children newborn to kindergarten require adult supervision at all times. This applies to all areas, including playgrounds, stairwells, laundry rooms, attics, basements, community facilities or vehicles. Report incidents of unsupervised children to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) manager.

(2) A parent, designated adult, certified childcare provider, or certified teen baby-sitter must attend to children in grades first through fifth (see glossary). School age children in grades first to third, may walk to school without a parent's direct supervision if the parent has a suitable plan for ensuring the child's safety, such as walking with a group of school age children and/or ensuring other adults are available and the child can contact them.

(3) Parents will not leave children in grades five and below alone in a vehicle for any amount of time. We define alone as not being within arms reach of the vehicle. Parents may leave children in grades six through nine in a vehicle for no more than 15 minutes only if they remove the keys and apply the handbrake.

(4) Regardless of age, children who misbehave or disrupt others while using community facilities will be asked to leave the premises. If necessary, the Military Police will intervene.

b. It is beyond the scope of this policy to delineate every situation which a parent may leave a child in the sixth grade and higher unattended. However, the below listed situations are examples

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of unacceptable supervision and potential threats to the safety or welfare of a child.

(1) A child is left unattended in quarters for long periods (i.e., when both members of a dual military family are deployed or when both parents are out of town) without proper arrangement to ensure the child's welfare and safety.

(2) Situations where a parent leaves a child in sixth grade or higher unattended for longer than a few hours on a regular basis.

(c) I have established curfews for school age children between the grades 4-12 who are not under direct parental supervision. The curfews prevent unsupervised activity during high crime periods and coincide with quiet hours as specified by German law.

(1) The community curfew for minors includes government controlled housing areas as well as Ledward and Conn Barracks.

(2) Community curfew for family members is as follows:

| <u>GRADES</u> | <u>CURFEW</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 TH -8 TH | 2100 SUNDAY-THURSDAY |
| | 2200 FRIDAY-SATURDAY |
| 9 TH -12 TH | 2300 SUNDAY-THURSDAY |
| | 2400 FRIDAY-SATURDAY |

(3) After established curfew periods, a sponsor, parent or guardian must accompany minor family members.

(4) If children are coming from an organized function (e.g., YS dance, basketball game, etc.), we will extend the curfew for the period of the event. The sponsoring activity will notify the Military Police Desk Sergeant of the closing time of the event.

(5) Military Police will temporarily detain minor family members who violate curfew hours and notify the minor's sponsor, parent or guardian.

(6) The parent or guardian must pick up the minor. The MP's will report the violation to the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority (CMAA) per USAREUR Reg. 27-9.

6. To ensure the safety of our children, Area, Building, and Stairwell Coordinators and Military Police will monitor this policy.

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Everyone is responsible for questioning children out past designated hours. Report violators to the chain of command or military police.

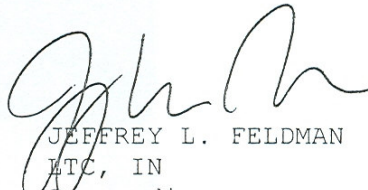
7. As violators frequently claim they have no knowledge of their responsibilities, we will maximize distribution of this policy. The Chain of Command will disseminate copies to all military housing occupants periodically and present it to new residents when they sign for housing. Additionally, Stairwell Coordinators will prominently post this policy on all stairwell bulletin boards. The Housing Office will also post a copy in their office.

8. Summary. This policy memorandum establishes the minimum guidelines for the supervision of children in the Schweinfurt Military Community. It establishes only minimum guidelines and does not guarantee the welfare or safety of children. Child supervision policies established separately in the community by the above listed facilities must be equal to the guidance in this memorandum. If facility guidance is more severe, it will take precedence.

9. The proponent of this policy is Child and Youth Services, 354-6617/6279.

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GLOSSARY

Attend: To be within hearing distance of the child and capable of physically reaching the child within 2 minutes.

Certified Child Care Provider: an individual who is:

1. Certified by Child Development Services to provide child care on regular basis to one or more children of no blood relation to the provider.

and

2. Provides care in a housing unit approved by CDS.

Certified Teen Baby-sitter: A child grade 7 or above who is certified by the Red Cross or Child Development Services to provide baby-sitting services.

Designated Adult: An individual such as an adult friend or neighbor, who:

1. Is over 18 years of age.

and

2. Is not a certified Family Child Care Provider.

and

3. Provides regular childcare in the child's own home.

OR

4. Regularly provides for childcare in the individual's own home for no more than 10 hours per week.

| Table Conversion From Age to Grade (Home-Schooled Children) | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | 4 3/4- 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Grade | Kindergarten | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th |
| | | | | | | | |
| Age | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17-18 | |
| Grade | 7 th | 8 th | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | |